

TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 27, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:03PM on Monday, June 27, 2011 in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectmen Mary Glassman; Board members Nancy Haase, Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton, Lisa Heavner and Robert Hensley. Others in attendance included Tom Cooke, Colleen O'Connor, Chief Peter Ingvertsen, Hiram Peck, Michael Foley and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Hampton made a motion to receive public comment regarding proposed changes to Section 141, Taxation, of the Town Code by adding a proposed Ordinance 141-33, Refunding/Waiving Property Taxes due under \$5.00. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

Mr. Robert H. Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, addressed the Board. Mr. Kalechman feels it makes no sense to not collect if the money is owed whether it is \$5 or \$500. Mr. Kalechman feels the Board can review on a case by case basis if there are circumstances beyond one's control.

Ms. Glassman asked if there were any others who would like to address the Board, there were none.

Mr. Hensley moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Glassman introduced Simsbury Police Chief, Peter Ingvertsen. Chief Ingvertsen announced Michael Webster, their newest police officer, will begin his duties on July 5, 2011. Michael Webster is a twenty-year veteran of Newington Police Department. Mr. Webster was retired and will now continue his career in Simsbury. Mr. Webster was introduced to, and welcomed by, the Board.

(a) Farmington Valley Trails Council donation of \$3,464 for paint and paint supplies for painting lines on the bike path and sharrows on roads; acceptance by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Bruce Donald, President of Farmington Valley Trails Council presented the Board with an update and gave further detailed information regarding the above referenced donation. Mr. Donald mentioned that the Farming Valley Trails Council, being a 501-C3 not-for-profit corporation founded in 1992, is now working with nine (9) towns going down to Plainville. Mr. Donald said now that the trails are substantially built in our area, their focus will be on helping with maintenance of the trails. Painting falls under what they are proposing to do over the next number of years. They would like to set up a matching grant policy with the area towns. Mr. Donald brought up the issue of decaying fencing along the trails. He mentioned that Avon has a big problem, as well as Simsbury and Farmington. This split-rail fencing is now up to sixteen (16) years old and while Mr. Donald said they recognize that there are areas that have to be fenced, there is a lot of fencing that does not

need to exist anymore. Mr. Donald brought up the painted center line on the trails. Farmington Valley Trails Council did a mailing to their membership (almost 1,400 members) and received a response from 47 members regarding this painted center line (Responses Included: 25 very positive, 14 negative and 8 unsure/indifferent). He noted that nearly all of the positive responders believed that the stripes will remind people, especially children, to stay on the right, which is the goal because it is a safety issue.

Mr. Donald mentioned the Trails in Motion event on June 4, 2011 on Iron Horse Boulevard with almost 400 people in attendance. He commented on its success and thanked the Town.

Ms. Glassman commented on the overall success of the Trails in Motion event and commented on the number of special needs riders with adaptive cycling, which is new.

Mr. Donald also presented the newly printed maps of the trails and commented on the changes/updates. Mr. Donald mentioned that they have printed over 20,000 maps.

Mr. Hensley asked Mr. Donald about the cost per mile to paint the trail. Mr. Hensley also asked Mr. Donald if there was an "Adopt a Trail" program in place. Mr. Donald confirmed that there was a program currently in place and are trying to get more corporations involved. Mr. Hensley asked how individuals could find out more on sponsorships and Mr. Donald said the information can be found on the website and can email the information to the Board.

Ms. Glassman mentioned the Bike Committee is working on a page to add to the website which could contain that sponsorship information and send potential sponsors to Mr. Donald.

Mr. Donald referenced their Clean-Up Day on May 1, 2011 to help clean up the who 33 miles of the trail with 90 volunteers.

Ms. Glassman thanked Farmington Valley Trails Council, on behalf of the Town, for its partnership.

Mr. Hampton moved to accept the donation, with our thanks, from the Farmington Valley Trails Council. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

(b) Donation of an American Flag to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary

Mr. Hampton welcomed Len Lanza and Chuck Forristall of the VFW and American Legion and Mrs. Lanza as well. Mr. Hampton also welcomed Betty Forristall of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW and Jason Lill, a Tariffville resident and new veteran whom has recently returned from Afghanistan. Also present from the Ladies Auxiliary were; Sandy Pixley, Junior Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary and Edna Schreinhorfer, Chaplain.

Mr. Lill spoke about how while on his 2nd tour of duty, the Ladies Auxiliary and the community were great about sending packages. Mr. Lill presented the Ladies Auxiliary with a flag he flew on a mission in Afghanistan. Mr. Lill read the certificate that was presented along with the flag, which was flown in Afghanistan on September 11, 2010. Ms. Forristall thanked Mr. Lill, all of the soldiers currently overseas and the entire Simsbury community for its outreach and support.

Mr. Lill then presented Ms. Glassman and Mr. Hampton with a flag, which was flown over Afghanistan on September 11, 2010, and plaque in thanks to them, and the whole town, for being supportive of the Veterans, as well as to his family.

Ms. Glassman thanked Mr. Lill for gift and for sharing his story. Ms. Glassman also thanked Ms. Forristall and the Ladies Auxiliary.

(c) Route 10 Corridor Study - Draft Report Available

Ms. Glassman announced a draft of the Route 10 Corridor Study is now available online at [www.crcog.org](http://www.crcog.org). The steering committee voted to make the draft available to the public in order to get comments. She urged folks to take a look at it. Hard copies of the document will be available at Town Hall and at the Library.

## PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Mr. Kalechman addressed the Board regarding the donation from the Farmington Valley Trails Council of \$3,464 for paint and paint supplies for painting lines on the bike path and sharrows on roads and the acceptance by the Board of Selectmen. He questioned the cost of the paint, (pursuant to invoices he had read) as he thought it seemed high. He also questioned why someone from out of town should tell us how to paint our trails. He also questioned whether this went to the Board of Finance or is in the Budget.

Dr. Marvin Koff, a resident in Powder Forest, with his son Robert living on Westledge Road, spoke regarding the outdoor wood burning furnaces. Dr. Koff referenced research regarding the dangers of outdoor wood burning furnaces. Dr. Koff spoke about the link between outdoor pollutants, like an outdoor wood burning furnace, and acute asthmatic attacks in children. Dr. Koff also mentioned other dangers include chronic lung disease which can be made worse by these outdoor pollutants. Dr. Koff urged the Board to think about saving lives by enforcing the ban on outdoor wood burning furnaces.

Michael Morrissey, of Environment and Human Health, Inc. in North Haven, CT, wanted to applaud the Board for sticking with the issue of banning outdoor wood burning furnaces. Mr. Morrissey said Environment and Human Health, Inc. supports the current draft of the ordinance. Mr. Morrissey referenced the current ordinance and the 200' separating distance required, and mentioned that Environment and Human Health, Inc. has data that makes them believe that 200' is not enough distance to make it safe for people. They would encourage the Board modify the current ordinance and increase the separating distance to 500' from 200'. Even if the Board cannot increase the separating distance, Environment and Human Health, Inc. supports the ordinance and thanks the Board for sticking with this issue.

Ms. Glassman asked Mr. Morrissey if 900', as previously suggested by Nancy Alderman, is Environment and Human Health, Inc.'s preference. Mr. Morrissey stated that was Ms. Alderman's preference. Ms. Glassman stated that she favors a total ban and Mr. Morrissey stated that Environment and Human Health, Inc. is on the record for total ban, but if that is not possible, they could live with at least some type of a ban.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, said that she recently reviewed the Town of Avon Operating Budget and realized that there is a great difference between the Operating Budget presented by the First Selectmen and one done by a professional Town Manager. Ms. Coe thinks that First Selectmen cannot have long-term goals since the Selectmen can be changed every two (2) years. She feels the Budget presented to Simsbury is a political statement.

Ms. Coe also mentioned that the sale of alcohol at Town events places the Town at risk and creates additional liability. She referenced two (2) lawsuits regarding the sale of raw milk naming the Town as a defendant along with the Community Farms of Simsbury. Ms. Coe said a professional Town Manager would not have allowed this to happen. Ms. Coe referenced several items that she thinks would have been avoided/resolved if the Town had an official Town Manager. She mentioned inaccuracy in financial reports and accounting records with regards to PAC Commission. Ms. Coe says Simsbury residents should demand a vote on getting a Town Manager.

Tim Goodwin, Executive Director of Community Farm of Simsbury, addressed the Board to say that they are proud to support the Eno Deed, last year they donated 99% of all the produce grown at the Farm to residents in need in Simsbury first and then to the surrounding communities. And giving over scholarships to over 50 families in need in the last few years. Because they donate all of their food, it is essential that they bring in revenue through events, like the ones up for approval later this evening. They are committed to doing it in a professional way and minimizing risk with these events.

## SELECTMEN ACTION

Ms. Glassman reported on the state of the State Budget and how it affects the Town of Simsbury. The Budget that was submitted by the Governor and approved by the Legislature was dependent upon the successful negotiations with the State Employees Unions. On Friday the Board learned that AFSCME, representing more than 30% of the State's unionized workforce, voted the agreement down, essentially voiding the Budget that was passed by the Legislature. It is now back to the drawing board for the State Budget. To the Town of Simsbury, that means that we had an approved budget that was dependent on the State Budget, and now all of the Budget negotiations are back on the table. Ms. Glassman mentioned that The Governor has pledged to preserve as much municipal aid as possible, but he now has to find a different way to close the State Budget deficit and now everything is on the table. This Thursday, the Governor has called for a special session of the Legislature and he will ask them to expand his decision authority, giving him the power to reduce spending. While everything is on the table, The Governor has said he will not approve tax increases. The Town is legally required to balance the Budget and the Boards have discussed a Plan B and will monitor what happens on Thursday in Hartford. If State funding to the Town is cut, options will include; (i) taking money out of reserves, (ii) finding ways to reduce the Budget that was passed in May, (iii) or sending out a supplemental tax increase (Ms. Glassman said this is the least likely option). They will keep residents apprised of what happens as this issue moves forward. The Department heads have started looking at preparations for possible Budget cuts. After Thursday, they will assess if a special Board of Selectmen meeting, along with the Board of Education and the Board of Finance, is necessary to Balance our local Budget. Ms. Glassman mentioned that if the Governor moves forward with layoffs of 7,500 people, there will be a ripple effect felt in the Town of Simsbury. They have already spoken with the Tax Collector about the possible increases in foreclosures, possibility of lower tax collection rate, possible increases in our social service needs and impacts in Police Department with regards to calls from residents experiencing stress. They will send out any information as soon as they are aware.

Ms. Heavner wanted to point out that what is happening at the State level and National level is not happening at the Town level. Ms. Heavner said that our Unions have been responsive and given back and do not have exorbitant pensions and we are in good financial shape. Ms. Heavner noted that we make our annual pension contributions and have a good reserve.

Mr. Hensley asked if the Unions voted this down, will there going to be layoffs as the Governor originally planned. Ms. Glassman confirmed that other cuts will have to be made in addition to those layoffs.

Ms. Wertheimer commented that the Governor had a press conference at 5PM this evening where he did indicate that they were continuing to strike a deal to avoid layoffs and that the layoffs were not expected to reach that 7,500 number as stated earlier.

(a) Action on Public Hearing proposes changes to Section 141, Taxation, of the Town Code - Colleen O'Connor, Tax Collector, was present to answer questions on this proposed change. Ms. O'Connor made the recommendation that \$5 is a good amount for the Town to use with regards to

waiving a bill if less than that amount is due, and also a check would not be sent out if less than that \$5 figure is owed.

Ms. Heavner asked what the annual dollar value would be from those owing \$5 or less. Ms. O'Connor commented that this year it would have been \$490. Ms. Heavner then asked about the annual dollar value of the refunds less than \$5 and Ms. O'Connor said this past year it would be \$55. Ms. O'Connor outlined the extensive administrative work involved when issuing these small checks. Ms. O'Connor also noted the lack of response on these notices of refunds, which in turn, creates more paperwork.

Mr. Hensley moved to accept the change. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cooke noted that the Board would need to set a date on when this change would go into effect.

Mr. Hensley clarified that his motion includes the language in the packet that was distributed. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

(b) Approve Recommended tax refunds - Total of \$1,729.10

Ms. Wertheimer moved to approve the tax refunds. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(c) Accept receipt of Police Youth Grant in the amount of \$7,418.00, which will be used to fund a "Bowling with Badges" youth program

Ms. Glassman thanked the Police Department, as this was a competitive Grant. 32 towns applied and only 11 received funding. Ms. Glassman commented that this program allows middle school age students to have fun with, and get comfortable with our Police Officers.

Chief Ingvertsen gave an overview of the program and how it gives back to the community.

Mr. Hampton made the motion: Resolved, that Mary A. Glassman, First Selectmen of the Town of Simsbury be and hereby is authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Simsbury the Police and Youth Program OPM Grant #10JJ438071, dated May 5, 2011, for the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, in the amount of \$7,418. These grant funds will be used for the Police Department Bowling with Badges Program.

Mr. Hensley seconded the motion.

Chief Ingvertsen mentioned that Carla from the Farmington Valley Student Union was very supportive in applying for this grant.

The motion was unanimously passed.

(d) Approve request of Paw Meadow Dog Park Committee to hold a fundraiser/publicity event on Monday, July 11, 2011 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM

Ms. Wertheimer made a motion to approve and Ms. Haase seconded the motion.

Mr. Hampton questioned whether at the last event if they had done a gathering permit. Ms. Glassman replied that there is no public gathering permit required.

The motion was unanimously passed.

(e) Approve the request of the Community Farm of Simsbury to host three (3) events at the Farm on July 9th, August 18th, and September 8th which will include serving beer and wine.

Mr. Hampton made a motion to accept the request and Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion.

Mr. Hampton thanked the representatives from Community Farm of Simsbury, Tim Goodwin and Dana Price, for their hard work and the great things they accomplish.

The motion was unanimously passed.

(f) Consideration of ordinance pertaining to banning outdoor wood burning furnaces and acceptance of draft minutes from May 9, 2011 from public hearing on same

Ms. Wertheimer moved to approve the draft minutes from May 9, 2011. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

Ms. Glassman thanked Hiram Peck, Director of Planning and Community Development, for putting this issue back on the Agenda. Ms. Glassman referenced the two (2) drafts; one of which calls for a complete ban and the other, which does allow exceptions for agricultural use.

Mr. Hampton made a motion to create an ordinance of a complete ban of outdoor wood burning furnaces. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion.

Mr. Hampton mentioned that he continues to believe outdoor wood burning furnaces are a health risk for the community.

Ms. Heavner asked Mr. Peck if the one that does exist in Simsbury is on a farm and Mr. Peck replied that it is not. Ms. Heavner said she is not willing to accept a compromise at this point. Mr. Peck confirmed that the one in existence will be grand-fathered in and this ban will have no impact on that owner.

Ms. Haase asked Mr. Peck what will happen if that particular one needs to be replaced. Mr. Peck said he would think if it were to be replaced, it would have to conform to the DEP standards. Ms. Haase then commented that she wanted our focus on, and commitment to, farming is mentioned and noted, while at the same time we have concerns for the health and well-being in our community.

Ms. Heavner confirmed that yes, we have a focus on farming, but since nobody has needed an outdoor wood burning furnace for agricultural use since the 1600's, there is no hardship created by a full ban.

Mr. Hensley also expressed concerns about the health implications, especially with regards to asthma. Mr. Hensley reiterated that even though we support all of the agricultural efforts, since there is no history of anyone using an outdoor wood burning furnace to heat a portion of their farming area, he does not see the point in allowing them.

Ms. Glassman mentioned that she would be open to looking at an exemption down the road if someone was interested in installing one. But at this point, a total ban is a better way to protect the residents of Simsbury.

Mr. Peck agreed and mentioned that separating distances don't matter as much as topography, prevailing winds and who is next to the furnace. He agrees that modifications could be made later on if specific case was made for an exemption.

The motion was unanimously passed.

(g) Discussion and action on Refunding Town Bond Proposal (refer to materials from joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance on June 13, 2011)

Ms. Glassman thanked the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance for spending time on this issue. Ms. Glassman mentioned that this is the first time that we have refunded to save the residents money. The Board directed Kevin Kane, previous Finance Director, to go back and look at all of the Bonds, the Town had never refunded bonds before. Michael Foley, a Financial Consultant, then came in with PFM and worked to identify some Bonds that were able to be refunded under the current Bond language. The Charter requires the Board of Finance make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. State statutes allow the Board of Selectmen to make this decision on refunding. This refund will give the Town an annual savings of \$43,709 to tax payers of Simsbury. That is an average over the next 7.5 years, so the total savings comes out to a present value of \$288,665. The industry standard is 3% savings and we are currently at 5% savings. Ms. Glassman reviewed some other towns' returns.

Mr. Hensley inquired as to why we didn't refinance the full \$7MM. And it was confirmed by Ms. Glassman that the Town is not allowed to do so, due the fact that the Town would not bond more than \$10MM and to do the \$7MM, would put us over that \$10MM threshold. We are doing the maximum allowed by law.

Ms. Wertheimer asked if that \$43,709 would go back into reserves and Ms. Glassman confirmed that it is money that is not spent and will stay in Town reserves. Ms. Glassman then commented that our reserves are 10%, which is the AAA bonded, highest rating required by Moody's.

Ms. Heavner commented that although we cannot refinance the full \$7MM now, we can do \$5MM and then later, if market conditions are favorable, do the remaining amount. Ms. Heavner said it is not off the table, just something that would have to be done at a later date.

Ms. Haase then asked if the \$43,709 net figure includes an escrow fee mentioned at the joint meeting. Mr. Foley confirmed that the figure quoted is the most conservative possible which would take in account that escrow fee.

Ms. Heavner referenced the fact that at the National level, the debt ceiling has not been raised and so some cheaper ways to escrow are not available to us and will not be available until they do raise the debt ceiling, which is thought to happen by August 2, 2011, which would give us the access to the lower fee.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF SIMSBURY  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS FOR PAYMENT OF THE  
OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE TOWN OF SIMSBURY'S \$23,765,000  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2003, AND COSTS RELATED THERETO.  
RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Simsbury issue its refunding bonds, in an amount not to exceed EIGHT MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,500,000), the proceeds of which are hereby appropriated: (1) to the payment in whole or in part, as to be determined by the First Selectman and the Treasurer, of the outstanding principal of and interest on the Town's \$23,765,000 General

obligation Bonds, Issue of 2003, including the payment of interest accrued on said bonds to the date of payment, and (2) to pay costs of issuance of the refunding bonds authorized hereby, including legal fees, consultants' fees, trustee or escrow agent fees, underwriters' fees, net interest and other financing costs and other costs related to the payment of the outstanding bonds described above. Such payment of the bonds to be refunded pursuant to this resolution may be accomplished, without limitation, through the funding of one or more escrows, and the application of the balance held in such escrows, together with the investment earnings thereon. The refunding bonds shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-370c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes.

(b) That the First Selectman and the Treasurer shall sign the bonds by their manual or facsimile signatures. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the bonds to be redeemed and the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the refunding bonds; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds and escrow agent with respect to any refunding escrow or escrows to be funded with proceeds of the bonds; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds; to sell the bonds at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds.

(c) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that costs of the refunding may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the refunding. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(d) That the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds.

(e) That the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, the Finance Director and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to effectuate the refunding of all or a portion of the Town's outstanding \$23,765,000 General obligation Bonds, Issue of 2003, and to issue refunding bonds authorized hereby for such purposes, including, but not limited to, the entrance into agreements on behalf of the Town with holders of the bonds to be refunded, underwriters, trustees, escrow agents and others to facilitate the issuance of the refunding bonds, any escrow of the proceeds thereof and investment earnings thereon, and the payment of the outstanding bonds in whole or in part.

(f) That the above authorization to issue refunding bonds shall lapse on June 30, 2012.

Ms. Wertheimer made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hanson.



Ms. Glassman then thanked Mr. Foley and Mr. Cooke for bringing this item forward to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance. Ms. Glassman commented on the wonderful savings in a time that we need to be frugal and will help with Budget planning.

The motion was unanimously passed.

(h) Approve budget transfers

Ms. Glassman explained that these are wage increases that were previously approved, however the funds have not yet been transferred to the necessary accounts. This is a transfer from the Un-negotiated Salaries Account into the Specific Bargaining Unit Account. There is a transfer for Central Administration, which is the First Selectmen's Office, but as First Selectmen, Ms. Glassman has not received a salary increase and therefore, she can vote on this motion. Ms. Glassman noted that all of the other departments are in accordance with the already approved wage increases approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Hampton made the motion to approve budget transfers. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

(i) Approve extension of IT Contract with the Town of Canton from July 1, 2011 to August 31, 2011

Ms. Glassman noted the good relationship the Town of Simsbury has had with Canton. Canton is now looking to combine their IT Services with its Education Department and they would like to continue on with some guidance from the Town of Simsbury for two (2) months, specifying the \$75 hourly rate that they will provide to Simsbury's IT staff while they make this transition.

Mr. Hensley made a motion to approve the extension. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wertheimer, which was unanimously passed.

Ms. Glassman noted she would like to amend the Agenda to return to the wood burning ordinance and make the effective date today, June 27, 2011 in accordance with the public hearings.

Ms. Wertheimer made a motion to approve the amended Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Haase, which was unanimously passed.

Mr. Hensley then made a motion to include today's date, June 27, 2011, as the effective date. The motion was seconded by Ms. Haase, which was unanimously passed.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Glassman shared a letter from Senator Richard Blumenthal congratulating the Town of Simsbury on the receipt of a Bronze rating in the Category of Bicycle Friendly Community from the League of American Bicyclists.

## ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

(a) Mr. Hensley moved to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2011, including some minor grammar changes by Ms. Heavner. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

(b) Mr. Hampton made a motion to approve the minutes from the Joint Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance held on June 13, 2011. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion.

Ms. Wertheimer commented that Chris Doyle, from Public Financial Management, did an excellent job with her presentation at that June 13th meeting. The motion was the unanimously passed.

## SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Glassman mentioned that the Board did receive the marketing report with regards to the PAC Concert Series. Ms. Glassman also referenced the financial reports, passed out by Mr. Foley, with regards to the Little House Concert and the Sunshine Serio Concert.

Mr. Foley explained the financial reports to the Board. The Little House Concert had a loss of \$467.28. Due to some confusion with the financial reports, Mr. Foley requested meeting with the PAC Board which will occur on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 to discuss how they are calculating their financial reports and to request they use a specific form for calculations moving forward. Mr. Foley then referenced the report for the Sunshine Serio Music Festival. Mr. Foley said he has not had any problems working with with the PAC people, just that there have been some communication issues, which will be addressed at the previously referenced meeting.

Mr. Hampton asked if specific sponsorship levels had been created for the Little House Concert or if they were created on a case by case basis. Mr. Foley said he has not seen a form like that. Ms. Glassman noted it would be helpful for the Board to have that form. Mr. Foley said that will be an issue discussed at the meeting tomorrow. Ms. Glassman referenced a strict sponsorship policy had been adopted by the Board of Selectmen, which has been given to the PAC Board for them to also follow.

Mr. Hensley mentioned that in spite of the unusual amounts of rain we have had recently, one event actually made money and minimal loss with the other concert, which was held on the rain date.

Ms. Glassman then asked for any Reports.

Ms. Heavner said that in speaking with the Director of Social Services, there is a desperate need for donations to the Simsbury Food Closet. They will take any non-perishable items (drop-off at the rear of Eno Hall). Ms. Heavner thanked Mary Maher and her son Timmy Maher for their work with Social Services. She mentioned that summer is a time when there is a big need for donations.

Ms. Heavner wanted to speak on behalf of the entire Board of Selectmen in order to give condolences to the family of Tommy Tanski, who recently died in a car accident. Tommy would have been entering his senior year at Simsbury High School. Ms. Heavner said Simsbury High

School would be offering counseling from 9AM to 2PM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (June 28, 29 & 30) for those students having difficulty coping with this tragedy.

Mr. Hensley referenced the Talcott Mountain Music Festival and the difficulties they had with regards to light turnout and bad weather. Mr. Hensley mentioned the 4th of July Concert happening Friday, July 1, 2011 and said he hopes for good weather and great turnout.

Mr. Hensley said earlier today Chief Ingvertsen mentioned they did meet with Avon and Canton to review the proposals from three (3) companies for the Regional Dispatch Center that is being considered and they have selected one, but it is not public information yet. The decision on where the Regional Center will be located has not been decided, but both Avon and Simsbury has offered their facilities and services.

Mr. Hensley mentioned that he did work at Cheese Day, held at Eno Memorial Hall, and quite enjoyed the experience and urged others to volunteer.

Mr. Hensley wanted to mention his concern regarding the Route 10 crosswalk down by Bidwell's Lawn Garden & Pet and said it is a public safety issue. Mr. Hensley sees it as dangerous and requests that it is put on as an Agenda item at the next Public Safety Meeting.

Mr. Hampton wanted to thank the participants, sponsors and volunteers of the Relay for Life event.

Mr. Hampton also reported that residents of Tariffville have until July 17th to return their positions to the Post Office. There will be a rally at the Tariffville Gazebo for the Post Office on July 12th and residents are encouraged to come and state their views.

Mr. Hampton noted the Village Association will be putting on a concert series on the Green this summer and information will be out soon.

ADJOURN

At 8:53PM, Ms. Wertheimer made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman